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REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on 9th April 2007. The office action required election of a single disclosed species from one of the following groups of species:

- I. Figure 3;
- II Figure 4;
- III Figure 6;
- IV Figure 7;
- V Figures 9 and 10;
- VI Figure 8;

The office action further required a listing of all claims readable onto the elected species.

In response to the request to elect, Applicant provisionally elects the second species, namely figure 4 for prosecution on the merits should the Examiner consider there to be no generic invention.

Furthermore, Applicant considers that claims 1 to 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 14 to 19 and 21 encompass the elected invention. In particular, the springs referred to in claim 17 are also present (but not shown) according to the embodiment of Figure 4.

Traversal of Restriction Requirement

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that the Examiner will not incur an undue burden, which is one of the two requirements for supporting a restriction requirement as noted in the Manual for Patent Examining Procedure § 803. It is respectfully submitted that during the searching of the prior art for the limitations recited in the claims of the provisionally elected species, the Examiner will necessarily search the classes that include the other Groups. Further, it is submitted that a finding of non-unity under PCT Rule 13.1 requires a showing that there is no common inventive concept linking all embodiments. In the present case the common inventive concept is defined by the features of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has not yet indicated prior art that takes away this common inventive concept. Since the definition of species is dependent upon the

determination of the common inventive concept, Applicant respectfully believes it to be incorrect to require an election of species without the Examiner disclosing the basis on which such species are being evaluated.

Any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application is hereby requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the docket number shown above.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number given below in order to resolve any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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